

# Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Board

Appoquinimink State Service Center, Middletown, Delaware

Monday May 8, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** J. Quirk, S. Haberstroh, J. Hammond, M.S. Jones, M. Lau, J. Weinstock, J. Fredel

**Guests:** T. Franzen, B. Murray, J. Miller, C. Murone

**Staff:** C. Grabowski

<u>TOPICS</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>DISCUSSION SUMMARY</u>	<u>ACTIONS OR PLAN</u>
<u>Welcome</u>	J. Quirk	The meeting convened at 10:03 a.m. at the Appoquinimink State Service Center. Carol Murone and Joan Miller, organ recipients, members of the public, and volunteers for Gift of Life, were introduced.	Meeting convened
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	J. Quirk	The consent agenda, which included the minutes of the February 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting, the fiscal activity report, DMV statistics and Members' Appointment Status was reviewed with an update by M.S. Jones introducing the new Department of Education representative Susan Haberstroh. A motion to approve was made by J. Weinstock and seconded by M.S. Jones. All were in favor with one abstention.	Approved with update
<u>Old Business</u>			
a) Strategic Plan	J. Weinstock	J. Weinstock has spoken with Dan Sinnott regarding facilitating the finalization of the Strategic Plan. D. Sinnott offered a proposal that would include an in-person facilitation (\$1,500) and, in addition, quarterly status calls (\$200 each) with the Board. Target timeframe for the in-person component is the November meeting for about three hours. A decision that funds should not exceed \$2,400 was made. J. Fredel made a motion to accept Sinnott's proposal. J. Weinstock seconded the motion. The motion carried.	Ongoing
<u>New Business</u>			
a) Recent OTDAB Activities	T. Franzen	The volunteers present at today's meeting made it possible for more high schools to be reached. The Gift of Life (GOL) volunteers also participated in Dover Days. The annual Delaware Donor Dash will tentatively take place September 23 at Nemours Estate Gardens.	Ongoing
b) Title 14 Education Update	T. Franzen	There is nothing more to report and it was suggested that this item be dropped from the agenda and reporting on new school activities be included in the Activity Report. There was some discussion about organ donation as a platform for local beauty contest entrants.	Informational
c) Legislative Update on SB 17 and HB 21	J. Weinstock  J. Fredel  J. Weinstock	The State Senate passed SB 17, decriminalizing in Delaware the transplant of organs from HIV infected donors into HIV positive recipients. The governor signed the bill in April. There were also proclamations in both the Senate and House celebrating April as Organ and Tissue Donation Month. Speaker Schwartzkopf also eloquently encouraged all his colleagues to sign up as donors if they had not already done so.  Issues related to Delaware becoming an "Opt Out" state vs. being an "Opt In" state were discussed. Delaware has a higher per capita donation rate than "Opt Out" countries.  HB 21 is the non-discrimination bill that states the only issue that may preclude a person with a disability from transplant is that the person is not a suitable candidate due to other medical issues.	Informational

d) Other	<p>B. Murray</p> <p>M.S. Jones</p> <p>J. Weinstock</p> <p>T. Franzen</p>	<p>Volunteer B. Murray broached the issue of having an additional Board member who represented someone waiting for transplant. He also promoted the idea to have an event recognizing living donors in the state of Delaware.</p> <p>All OTDAB meetings are public and all interested are welcome to attend. Agendas are posted on the state public meeting website. Adding an official voting member would require a revision to the current law (Title 16 Chapter 27 Subchapter II Section 2730) which lists the Board member categories.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Board have a dedicated session to discuss living donation. GOL is currently co-sponsoring an “Explore Transplant” program, which is designed to help educate staff members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How to effectively communicate with dialysis patients about the option and benefits of transplant, and</li> <li>2) How to assist patients in identifying an ambassador (family member or friend) who can help advocate for them in the context of living donation.</li> </ol> <p>J. Hammond made a motion for the Board to approve five thousand dollars to sponsor the Donor Dash. J. Fredel seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>	Informational
<p><b><u>Adjourn:</u></b> J. Hammond moved to adjourn the meeting and J. Fredel seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Next meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Appoquinimink State Service Center, Middletown.</b></p>			